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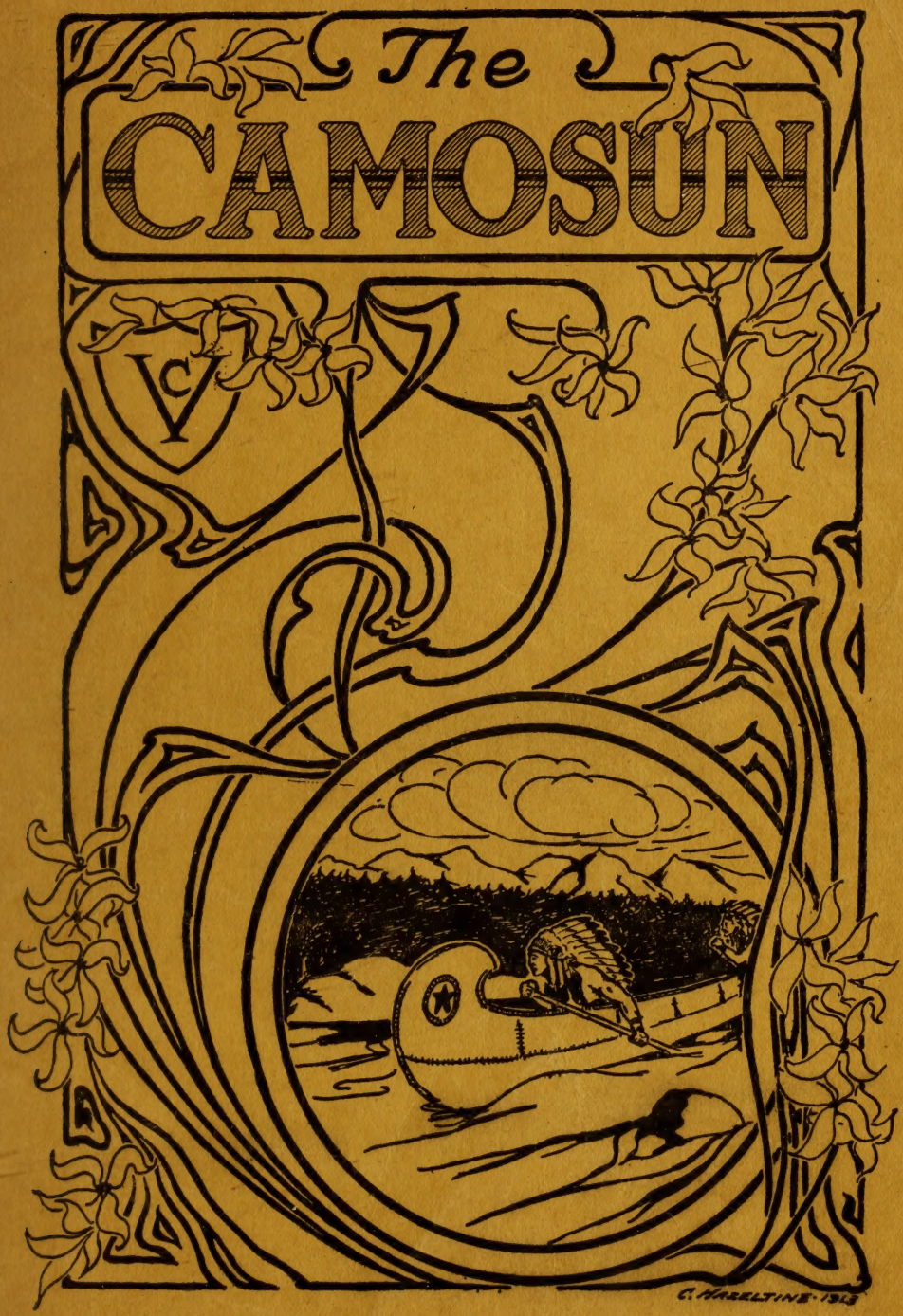

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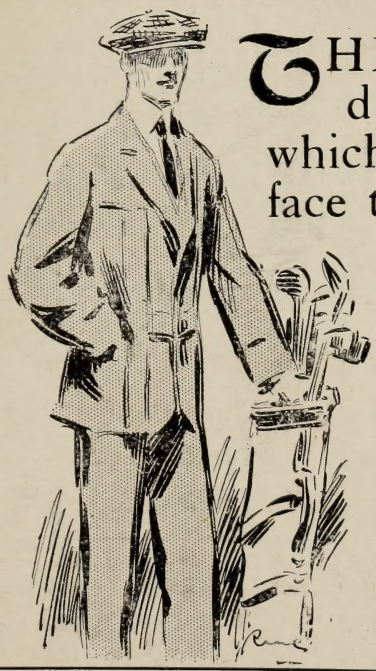

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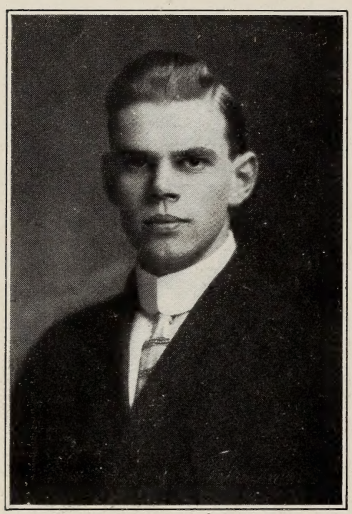
"Universal Peace"

(The Winning Oration in the Beckwith Oratorical Contest of 1913)

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, and
Members of the Beta Delta Society:

The question with which I am dealing tonight is in my mind of great importance to us all and I will endeavor to show you what a benefit Universal Peace would be to the nations of the world. In our dealings with this problem, the greatest problem that is facing the world today, we cannot be narrow minded, but must look at it from the two main points of view, namely the ethical and economic. At the present day we have two schools. One upholds war and supports its contentions by appealing to history, whereby looking at it through a glass of the proper color, the warfaddists have no difficulty in seeing conditions as gloomy as they please. Another school recognizes the evils of war—its ruthlessness, its wastefulness and barbarity. They regard war as they do a tidal wave, an earthquake, a volcanic eruption, a dreadful calamity from which escape is impossible and so they prepare for it. At no period in the last generation, not since the days when the great Napoleon first stirred France with his call to arms and terrified Europe by his victories, has there been such universal preparation for war; throughout the length and breadth of Europe, in Asia and even in America, Great Britain and Germany are at present engaged in a struggle—in a craze for armament—which threatens to sap the very life-blood of their people, and all nations—all nations, I say, of any note are to-day preparing for a war which they dread, but which must inevitably come as the direct harvest of the seed which they are sowing. And yet, gentlemen, in spite of this and contradictory though it may seem, there never has been such a strong feeling in favor of peace, as today. Thus we have two great and opposing forces at work in the world, one making for peace and one for war—one originating in the altruism of man, the other in his selfishness. The fight between peace and war is but the old, old struggle between Christianity, or at least Christian principles, and barbarism. And there can be no doubt which will eventually conquer?



ROBERT HAMILTON
Winner of Beckwith Gold Medal

The fruits of war are like the golden apples of Pondom, which, when you reach out to clasp, are shivered into atoms. Remember, "nations which rise by the sword, perish by the sword," sooner or later. Rome, Greece, Carthage,—all great and mighty nations at one time—fell from their giddy heights through persisting in war. And so it will be throughout the long ages unless we have peace. Why?

Rome in the 1229 years of her existence after the banishment of Tarquinius Superbus, had conquered practically the whole world. Three hundred times had the Imperial city witnessed the triumphant marches of her victorious generals.. Yet all this glamour and halo availed nothing. The best,—the flower of the nation—were enrolled in the Roman legions, and the weak and unfit were left behind to be the parents of the future nation and so after a thousand years of victories, Rome was disorganized, demoralized and unable to defend herself against the very barbarians she herself had conquered.

In the modern world Spain and France are the outstanding examples of the disorganization that comes with a too militant war policy. Instead of developing the best qualities of manhood, the qualities of nobleness, strength, courage and skill war enervates a nation as in the case of Rome. Some people say that war is a means of weeding out the weak and unfit of the land since only the strong can endure the hardships of war. Nearly 60 per cent. of the applicants for service aboard the Rainbow and Niobe were rejected for some physical defect or other and if only the strong are allowed to enlist how indeed is war to become a means of weeding out the weak? Had the "Noble Six Hundred" been cowards and weaklings there had been no charge of the Light Brigade. Thus we see the best, the flower of the nation, fall in the soldiers and sailors who fight in their country's battles and fight for her cause and flag, and not the strong but the unfit are left behind to perpetuate the race. * * *

It is interesting to note what some of the greatest generals of modern and ancient times have said of war. The men who lived the soldier's life, who spent their lives in the camp, on the march, and on the battlefield, have a right to be heard; for their knowledge was not gained from a school of war but by bitter experience. So let us hear what they say and profit by their experience. Wellington, the Iron Duke, after the battle of Waterloo, said: "War is a detestable thing; if you had seen but one day of war, you would pray God, you would never see another." Such was the opinion of Britain's mightiest general—a man who had but one equal, Napoleon, who, at the Isle of Helena when he had time to think and consider, said: "Brute force will never accomplish anything." This from Napoleon, Mr. Chairman, the man who said he would conquer Europe!

These words bring the short but emphatic words of Sherman to our mind: "The glory of war is all moonshine, war is Hell." Sheridan told the people that by the next centennial, arbitration would

rule the world. These are not fine spun sentiments, gentlemen, but truisms, and we should profit by them.

The reasons advanced against war on the ground of ethics, strong as they may be—are not sufficient to do away with its evils in a single day. This is because of the difficulty of convincing the world that war is absolutely bad. * * *

The wars of the nineteenth century cost the enormous sum of one hundred and forty thousand million dollars. This sum in bullion would load fifteen hundred freight cars and take five hundred engines to haul it; in dollar bills placed end to end it would go seven thousand one hundred and eight times around the world; in twenty-dollar gold pieces it would cover every degree and every meridian on this earth's surface. So much for the cost of wars of the nineteenth century, what is the cost of "the armed peace," of the twentieth?

Mr. Chairman, Great Britain at the present day spends more than five times as much on her army and navy as on the education of her children. A most disgraceful state of affairs!

With a part of this vast sum of money what reforms could have been accomplished!—what misery and poverty lessened!—what care, what sorrow lightened! Into how many despairing lives which seem to have no chance of rising upward,—because they cannot make the start,—because they cannot make the first rung of the economic ladder which leads upward; into how many despairing lives, I say, could it not have brought a ray of sunshine, a gleam of hope? We who have plenty do not realize the struggle of the poor: their misery and torture. We call ourselves Christians, yet there are some people, worthy as they are, who support the condition which is at the very root of all this needless misery. With a part of this wasted wealth Great Britain could give her people:—1,000,000 workmen's houses at $2,000 each; 100,000 libraries at $10,000 each; 500,000 public playgrounds at $20,000 each; 4 universities for England at $1,000,000 each; 2 universities for Scotland at $1,000,000 each; 2 universities for Ireland at $1,000,000 each; 500 high schools at $400,000 each; 500 public schools at $50,000 each.

Gentlemen, would these things not do away with 90 per cent. of the misery and suffering? * * *

The nations at the present time are bound together by financial ties which cannot be severed without great loss not only to the nations unfortunate in war but to all concerned. If Germany were to conquer England, what could she do? Could she force Britain's colonies to pay tribute? No! Could she take away Britain's foreign trade? No! Buyers will buy at the cheapest markets and Britain would still outsell Germany in certain lines. And if Germany were to conquer Britain all the German banks would be ruined as the Bank of England is the pivot of the financial world. "Trade does not follow the flag!" Why, Britain herself has sixteen and a half more

millions invested in Argentine than in Canada. So you see the nations are bound together by ties which cannot be severed without immense loss to all the nations concerned. * * *

You ask, how are we going to settle disputes? By arbitration. There have been two hundred and sixty disputes settled by arbitration since that between the States and Canada over the Passamaquoddy Bay and Great Lake boundary.

About the year 1900 the republics of Chili and Argentina were on the verge of war through a boundary dispute and the first blow had yet to be struck when a priest from either country went about preaching against it and showing that through war that even if they did win they only levelled a blow against themselves. They carried the people with them. These two nations immediately disbanded their armies, stopped the building of their battleships and on March 13th, 1904, a statue of our Redeemer made out of the steel of gun-carriages was raised on the highest point of the Andes and when it was unveiled inscribed on it were the words: "Sooner shall these mountains crumble to dust, than Chilians and Argentians break the peace to which they have pledged themselves at the foot of Christ the Redeemer." Ladies and gentlemen, I contend that if two nations can do this, why cannot the whole world?

When we leave behind us the darkness of war to follow the star of peace, which leads us to the feet of the Redeemer; then, and not till then, shall we have that universal brotherhood which shall at last dawn upon the world.

SCHOOL DAYS

The summer days once more have fled,
And the bright-tinted leaves from the trees are shed,
The autumn winds sweep hill and plain,
As to school we wend our way again.

O'er Euclid with aching brain we pore,
And with Latin and French our minds we store;
We learn of gases, air, and flowers,
Of winter's storms, and summer's showers.

At games our spare time we employ,
Hockey and basket-ball, both we enjoy;
While at debates we show our skill,
In battles fought 'twixt sword and quill.

There's care and joy in High School Life,
As we fit ourselves for pleasure and strife,
A brain to think, and a hand to do,
And a firm resolve will carry us through.

EDNA MARWICK, Junior B.

THE CAMOSUN is now entering upon its sixth year as the official organ of the student-body of Victoria College and High School. We can only trust that it will meet with the greatest success, not so much financially—although at present all other success depends very greatly upon this—as that it will be a paper thoroughly appreciated by its readers. In striving to elevate this paper in the eyes of its critics we realize we have no small task ahead of us and would enroll the name of every student as a supporter, not only in cash but also in practical interest.

We do not imagine for one moment that the literary talent and originality of our College and High School is all included in the board of editors and reporters and a few other faithful contributors to the paper. The reporters, besides being in a measure responsible for handing us their own original material, are appointed as agents through which we may collect articles and other items of interest from the members of the classes. We hope that the hidden genius which we feel certain lies among us will thus find a suitable outlet through The Camosun.

Looking Backward: Appreciations

Last season's Camosun was most satisfactory, from the business manager's viewpoint at least. After meeting all the expenses incidental to the change from newspaper to magazine form, thirty dollars was handed to our Principal as the net proceeds of the year's business.

Much of the success of last year's finances is due to the efforts of Ray Brewster and Fred Beckwith, who were most zealous in their management of this portion of the work. We regret that we have not their assistance this term, but extend to both our best wishes for advancement in their new line of activity.

Worthy successors as business managers have been found in Harry Clark, Arts '17, and Leonard McBride, Matric B., who have spent much time in an energetic canvass for "ads" during the last three weeks. We must also express our appreciation of Charlie Munro's co-operation in adding a half-page "ad" to our columns; we should like to see more of this spirit in the school.

Miss Whelan has continued her kindness of last year and has materially lessened the labors of the business board by allowing the bulk of the correspondence to be done by the commercial classes under her supervision.

We are enabled to publish our paper through the kindly patronage of some of the leading business concerns of Victoria. The advertisers who have space in The Camosun may be depended upon for serving their customers with standard goods and we take pleasure in recommending them to our readers. Some of these firms have recognized the High School paper as a good advertising medium from its beginning and this year again have shown their confidence in it by renewing their "ads." We repeat what we have said in former years to our readers, that they should help their paper by helping those who have made its publication possible—by patronizing our advertisers whenever possible.

This year a space will be reserved for the accounts of the meetings of the recently formed Girls' Debating Society. This feature should widen the interest in the paper, especially among the fair sex. The "Camosun" wishes every success to the Society and congratulates the girls on having made such a promising beginning.

We are pleased to have with us again Mr. Russell, who has resumed his place on the staff after a year's absence, during which time he was travelling in Europe. He undoubtedly has something interesting to tell us and we are looking forward to a contribution from his pen for the next issue of the "Camosun," if possible.

The new High School building is nearing completion and there is every reason to believe it will be ready for occupation in January. The most remarkable things about it to some of us who have visited it lately have been the watchman and the "no admittance" sign.

The recent lecture in this city of Dr. Wesbrook, the President of the new B. C. University, appointed last February, was attended by a large number of the McGill students here. Dr. Wesbrook requested that the students remain for a few minutes after the lecture, and he spoke a few words to them expressing the hope that he would meet them at the new University in the near future. He intimated that he would come and visit the College and High School in Victoria in the near future.

The editorial staff of the "Camosun" will be only too glad to hear of any artists among us who can supply suitable illustrations and cartoons for the paper. Last year Carol Hazeltine made an admirable staff artist and we are likely to have difficulty in finding anyone to fill the vacancy caused by his departure from the school.

BETA DELTA

(Robert Hamilton, Secretary)

The Society Re-opens

THE first meeting of the 1913-14 session of the Beta Delta was held on September 17th, President Clyde occupying the chair. At this meeting Miss Stewart, City Librarian, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Beta Delta. The subject for debate was, "Resolved, that Military Conscription should be adopted in the British Empire." The speakers on the affirmative were W. Stubbs and K. Gillie, and on the negative R. S. Hamilton and C. Sivertz.

The judges, who were Principal Willis, Messrs. Andrews and Armstrong, returned a verdict in favor of the negative.

This meeting spoke well for the success of the Society, some 85 boys being present.

Sessional Officers

On October 1st a meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers for the coming term.

The candidates made stump speeches on several humorous subjects and after closely contested balloting the following were elected: President, K. Gillie; Vice-President, W. Hall; Secretary, R. Hamilton; Treasurer, C. Sivertz, and a Committee of G. Campbell, H. Stevens and W. Stubbs.

Messrs. Wood and Andrews were unanimously elected honorary president and vice-president respectively.

Before the meeting adjourned, Hon. Pres. Mr. Wood paid a tribute to the retiring president, Paul Clyde, for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the Society during the past term.

Home Rule

The meeting of October 8th was extremely interesting to the new members.

Hon. Pres. Mr. Wood gave an address on "Beta Delta Etiquette."

An interesting talk on, "How to prepare a debate," was given by Hon. Vice-Pres. Mr. Andrews.

The subject for debate was, "Resolved, there should be Home Rule for Ireland." The affirmative was upheld by H. Stevens and the negative by W. Hall.

History in the High School

The fourth meeting of the Society on October 15th aroused great enthusiasm.

H. Cross on the affirmative, and L. Wheeler on the negative, spoke on, "Resolved that Canadian History should take the place of English History in the High School."

Religious Instruction

On Wednesday, October 22nd, an instructive debate was held, the topic being, "Resolved that there should be religious instruction in the schools."

Those speaking were:—Affirmative, Fawcett and Scott, and on the negative, Davis and Davey.

The judges rendered a decision in favor of the affirmative.

The meeting of October 29th aroused considerable attention, the subject being, "Resolved that Vivisection should be abolished.

The affirmative was upheld by Heyland and Harvey, the negative by Foulkes and Stubbs.

The judges, Miss McLeod and Mr. Strachan gave a decision in favor of the negative.

EXECUTIVE OF BETA DELTA SOCIETY

From Left to Right—P. Clyde, W. Hall, G. Campbell, H. Stevens, C. Sivertz, K. Gillie, R. Hamilton, W. Stubbs

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GIRLS' DEBATING SOCIETY

(Mary Ellen O'Brien, Secretary)

The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword

ON Wednesday, October 15, a very enthusiastic meeting was held in Room 2 where the girls of the school to the number of 86 had assembled to listen to the first debate of the recently organized Girls' Debating Club of the Victoria High School. Miss Cann occupied the chair and at 3.30 called the meeting to order.

The first business of the day,—the election of officers—was promptly disposed of. As a result of the ballot, Miss Isabel Todd was declared President, Miss Hazel McConnell Vice-President, Miss Mary Ellen O'Brien Secretary, while Miss H. Sargent (Matric A), Miss Cass (Matric B), and Miss Playfair (Prelim. A), were elected to the Executive Committee.

While the business was being conducted various signs had given evidence that the debate was being awaited with the keenest interest, and when the first speaker arose the half-suppressed excitement found vent in great applause.

The subject selected for the day was: "Resolved, that the Pen is Mightier than the Sword." The speakers were: On the affirmative, Miss McConnell and Miss Todd; and on the negative, Miss Jackson and Miss O'Brien. Miss McLeod and Miss Burris acted as judges and by a narrow margin awarded the victory to the supporters of the affirmative.

Miss McConnell, the first speaker, used a number of arguments to show the civilizing power of the Pen. Her language was well chosen and her material well arranged.

Miss Jackson, in a natural conversational manner which would have been charming, had it not been marred by nervousness, refuted these arguments by pointing out that civilization only progressed where protected by the Sword.

Miss Todd was cool and logical, arguing that the greatest reforms had been those of Peace, and citing instances of degeneration and decay brought about by the invasion of the Sword. She showed considerable power in refuting the arguments of her opponents.

Miss O'Brien eloquently supported Miss Jackson, pointing out that progress in the arts and learning had in the olden days most often followed in the wake of the Sword, and dramatically refuting various arguments advanced by her opponents.

All the speakers were received enthusiastically and listened to with keen interest, and if one may judge from the atmosphere of that first meeting the success of the Society is inevitable.

Capital Punishment Abolished

The second meeting of the Girls' Debating Society was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 29th. The subject of a name for the Society was discussed and a committee composed of Miss Steinmetz, Miss Cass, Miss Malcolm, Miss Meisner and Miss O'Brien, appointed to consider the matter and bring suggestions before the next meeting. The resolution for debate was "Resolved that Capital Punishment should be abolished." Miss Cass and Miss Sparling spoke on the affirmative side and Miss Service and Miss Case replying in the negative. The speakers all did very well though some of the speeches would have been more effective if given in a louder voice. Among the best speakers was Miss Sparling, whose address was given in a clear and forcible manner. The judges, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Clarke, rendered a decision in favour of the affirmative.

The new Executive of the Beta Delta Society were entertained on Friday evening, October 11th, at the home of Mr. F. G. C. Wood, the Honorary President. After a careful discussion of the programme until Christmas, the evening was ended with music and refreshments. Those present were: Kenneth Gillie, Walter Hall, Chris. Sivertz, Robert Hamilton, William Stubbs, Gordon Campbell, Harold Stevens and Paul Clyde.

EXECUTIVE OF GIRLS' DEBATING SOCIETY

Back Row—Miss McConnell, Miss Cann, Miss Todd, Miss O'Brien
Front Row—Miss Playfair, Miss Cass, Miss Sargent

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SOCIETY.

MRS. COPAS, "Hermosa," Menzies Street, was the hostess of a very weird and delightful hallowe'en dance, on Wednesday, October the twenty-ninth. The guests arrived disguised as ghosts, and were received in silence by very uncanny-looking spectres. After an amusing guessing game the ghosts glided out to the gymnasium, where dancing took place. Shortly after eleven, all sat down to a typical hallowe'en feast. The house and gymnasium was decorated very appropriately with witches, cats, and goblins, and the garden was made mysterious with gleaming pumpkin heads. The ghosts, as is customary, glided away before cock-crow.

Among those present were the Misses B. and V. Fowkes, Miss K. Roberts, the Misses E. and G. MacDonald, Miss E. Elsworthy, Miss R. O'Meara, Miss E. Gonnason, the Misses Wood, the Misses G. and B. Scott, Miss Whiteley, Miss D. Kingham, and Miss F. Watt, and Messrs. Bray, Boiston, Travis, Clarke, Cooley, Roberts, Paul, Pauline and Simpson.

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Mrs. Winterburn, Dallas Road, gave a very jolly hallowe'en party on Friday, November the thirty-first, in honor of her son and daughter, George and Winnie. The guests arrived in fancy dress and were received by ghosts. The evening was spent in hallowe'en games, fortune-telling and dancing. The house was beautifully decorated, and jack-o'-lanterns supplied the illumination. A very dainty supper was served shortly after eleven.

Among those present were: The Misses Hace Terry, Grace Burrell, Belle Hastie, Bessie Greenwood, Jessie Fraser, Ella Simpson and Helen Marling, and Messrs. A. and L. McBride, E. Marling, F. Copas, F. Cooley, Pollock and Savannah.

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Mrs. J. O. Cameron entertained at two large dances at her home on Moss Street shortly before the departure of her sons for Castle Heights School, Lebanon, Tenn. Quite a number of Victoria High School students were present at these enjoyable functions and united in wishing Will and "Jamie" a successful year as seniors in Castle Heights, where they are preparing to enter the University of California at Berkeley next fall.

The Varsity Dancing Club, with a membership of sixty, drawn from the College and their friends in the High School, has been formed under the supervision of Miss Monteith. The Saturday evening assemblies are proving most enjoyable. The first evening's dance was chaperoned by Mrs. Harry Pooley and Mrs. F. Burrill. The committee consists of the Misses Grace Burrill, Teresa Robinson and Isabel Todd, and Messrs. E. Shearman, G. Campbell and Dick Wyllie.

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One of the opening events of the season was a delightful dance given by Miss Phyllis Reid at her new home on Rockland Avenue. Among the thirty or more guests were: Misses Agnes Robertson, Marjorie Robertson, Dorothy Carlin, Marjorie Kent, Ethel MacEachern, Helen Clay, Margaret Clay, Teresa Robinson, Gladys Foulkes and Nina Foulkes and Messrs. Jack Clay, Teddy Hodder, Percy Forbes, Arthur Yates, Gordon Campbell, Frederick Wood, Kenneth Raymur, Maurice Carmichael, Jack Gray and Ralph Reid.

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On Thanksgiving evening, October 20th, Mrs. H. J. Scott gave a most enjoyable dance at her home on Douglas Street. Those present included: Misses Margaret and Helen Clay, Phyllis Reid, Grace and Jean Cameron, Violet Watson, Justice Gilbert, Ethel, Lorna and Mildred MacEachern, Teresa Robinson, Jean and Kathleen Roberts, Lotus Griffith, Dorothy Kingshaw, Katie Jackson and Dorothy Moore and Messrs. Harry Wootton, Paul, Ralph Reid, Arthur and Stanley Hudson, Pete Ogden, Percy Forbes, Harold Whyte, Harry Robinson, Billie Kennedy, Tom and Alan Roberts, Walton Gilbert, John and Alan Greig, Tom Boiston, Herbert Flett, Jack and Robin Gray and many others.

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Miss Ilene McBride and Miss Ruth Meredith are taking a business course at St. Anne's Academy and we regret to hear that Miss Marjorie Robertson has been compelled by illness to give up her course at the same school.

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Miss Phyllis Reid has also left us and is preparing for an interesting trip to Europe in the early Spring, where she intends attending school at Paris.

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The Misses Mitchell are at the Columbia College, New Westminster, while Miss Helen Clay is enjoying a holiday at home.

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During the month we have had the unusual pleasure of three presentations of Shakespeare at the Victoria Theatre, all of which were well patronized by the students of the V. H. S. Those of us who reached the theatre at any time between six and half past seven

o'clock were entertained by various College yells, High School cries and "cat calls," etc., which served to pass the time pleasantly or otherwise until the gallery doors were opened. Then from the front seats of the "gods" some of us had the privilege of viewing the entrance of others of our school fellows into the more respectable but less exciting balcony below. Of the plays themselves it may be said that Julius Caesar is considered, by those who were present, the best thing of its kind ever seen in Victoria, and that Margaret Anglin in "Twelfth Night," and "As You Like It," more than fulfilled our expectations.

THE PASSING OF THE MATRICS

LAST year's matriculation class gained some fame as a joyous crowd who lived according to the Epicurean philosophy and endeavoured to squeeze life dry of what pleasure it should contain. A stranger, a poet as it chanced, on entering the room of the famous Shovels—or infamous, as some say,—was astounded by the sights and sounds therein. Addressing the nearest youth, he declaimed:—

"I prithee, what can oil you?
Is this a modern Saturnalia?
Wherefore all this bacchanalia?"

The youth replied:—

"It is the bloomin' Shovelalia."

And it was even worse than that.

Now are all these scattered all over the country, and some even have emigrated. Among these is Gerald Miller, who has obtained a lucrative position on the "Empress of Russia," as secretary to the assistant secretary to the vice-purser, that is to say, he is a shipping clerk.

Several have continued their studies in Montreal: Bubbly-Jock O'Meara, Gordon Kenning, who boards with him, Fred Beckwith, Cedric Tuohy and Ewart Gregson, who as the boat left the dock still hugged his beloved violin. Other Victorians who left for Montreal are Bill and Herb Ross, Buck Yeo, Neil McDiarmid and Carlton Hanington. A recent McGill daily contains a picture of Bill Ross and the news that Tuohy and Clark distinguished themselves on the McGill English Rugby team, each scoring a try.

Hardie and Pink Drury are attending Science lectures at Vancouver. News of Hardie informs us that he has become quite a society star at the terminal village.

Quite a number of the girls who were Matriculants at this school last year are taking the course at Vancouver Normal School. The students there did not fail to recognize the obvious class of the fair ones from Victoria, so that many of these hold high positions. Miss

Erma Cessford is captain of the hockey team, and Miss Florence Smith vice-president of the club; Miss Leila Carson is vice-president of the basketball club; Miss Hauck Secretary of the Literary Society, and Miss Jean Robinson vice-president of the Athletic Association. Others taking this course are Misses C. Browne, Boyden, Bruskey, M. Morrison, O. Norman, M. Chrow, D. Bossi, Edith Harte, M. Taylor, A. Ross, D. Durick.

Stanley House, Sammy Youlden, Arthur Todd, Caryl Hazeltine and Wilfrid Philp of last year's Matriculation B, are in the city and have thus increased the ever-growing army of Victoria's unemployed.

Ewart Gee of debating fame is studying dentistry in a downtown office and expects to finish his course in Philadelphia, whither he goes next fall.

Gordon McDonald is attending the Riverside High School in California, taking the matriculation course to the Boston School of Technology. A Riverside paper mentions him as a promising recruit for the Rugby team.

McCallum and Warnicker are studying law in offices down town. Gosse may be seen at Terry's drug dispensary. John Dowler, who was in the college here last year, is teaching school at Fisherman's Cove, near Cape Scott.

PRELIMINARY "A"

Lost—A padlock for a troublesome trap-door. Liberal reward given if returned to Miner Harkness, Prelim. "A."

Postulate 4. Let it be granted that wireless telephony (since telegraphy Wood be barred) may be established from any one seat to any other seat.

Employment wanted by an experienced gardiner, miller, miner, steward, smith and carter; apply Prelim. "A."

Surely the men of the Dominion will be ready to grant a vote to women when one of our learned instructors suggests that the cause of more widows than widowers is the survival of the fittest.

Def. 10. A small boy standing on one foot makes the presiding teacher angry, the latter delivers a lecture and the small boy standing on one foot may be called a candidate for "pen."

"Ode to Latin"

All are dead who wrote it;
All are dead who spoke it;
All will die who learn it;
Blessed Death! they earn it.

When a pupil goes from Public School to High School it is like going from China to England. For there is no end to the amount he does not know. If you don't think so, ask Prelim. "A."

Outlook

SINCE the last edition of "The Camosun," the Battalion has undergone some changes in its officers. The most noteworthy is the change in command by the resignation of Major Dowler. Major Dowler has been in command of the Battalion two years as major and before that one year as captain. In Major Dowler the corps loses one of the most efficient officers it has had.

This year the strength of the Battalion is 182, including the band of 30. The outlook in shooting is very good, some fine scores having been made with the new Ross rifle. The prizes this year will probably be the same as last season and awarded in the same manner.

Scores at Clover Point Range

The following scores were made at the 200-yard range out of a possible of 35:

September 27th—Mr. V. Stevens (Hon.), 29; Cadet T. Heyland, 29; Sergt. Hardwick, 28; Mr. McDonald, 26; Cadet Parfitt, 26; Batt. Comdr. Yuill, 23; Cadet Marwick, 22.

October 4th—Sergt. Hardwick, 29; Half Company Leader Gale, 26; Cadet Bennett, 26; Sergt. Savannah, 23; Company Leader Lyons, 22; Cadet Parfitt, 22; Cadet Hill, 22; Cadet Berton, 20; Batt. Comdr. Yuill, 21; Cadet Gee, 20; Cadet Dawson, 20; Sergt. D. Davis, 20.

October 18th—Batt. Comdr. Yuill, 31; Cadet Bennett, 29; Half Company Leader Harvey, 29; Cadet Langton, 26; Sergt. Coldwell, 21; Cadet Watson, 21; Half Company Leader McPherson, 20.

October 25th—Sergt. Hardwick, 30; Cadet Watson, 30; Batt. Comdr. Yuill, 26; Cadet Bennett, 26; Half Company Leader Harvey, 25; Cadet T. Heyland, 24; Cadet Marwick, 24; Cadet Langton, 23; Sergt. McBride, 23; Half Company Leader Gale, 22; Cadet Forrester, 21; Cadet Dawson, 21; Half Company Leader McPherson, 20; Sergt. Savannah, 20.

November 1st—Cadet T. Heyland, 28; Sergt. Hardwick, 28; Cadet Watson, 28; Half Company Leader Harvey, 27; Cadet D. Heyland, 25; Batt. Comdr. Yuill, 23; Cadet Dawson, 23; Company Leader Terry, 22; Cadet Sanson, 22; Sergt. Coldwell, 21; Cadet Burns, 21; Cadet Gee, 20; Sergt. Milloy, 20.

Orders by Battalion Commander L. S. Yuill, Commanding
No. 112, Victoria High School Cadet Battalion

Headquarters, Victoria High School,
Victoria, B. C., November 1st, 1913.

The officers for the year, pending appointment from Ottawa, will be as follows:—

On the staff—To be Battalion Commander, Capt. L. S. Yuill. To be Acting Adjutant, Half Company Leader R. Hamilton.

"A" Company—To be Company Leader, Lieut. N. Lyons. To be Half Company Leaders, Corp. R. Hamilton and Sergt. P. McPherson.

"B" Company—Company Leader E. Shearman of 72nd Seaforth Highlanders' Cadets, will be attached to No. 112 Cadet Battalion for the year and will command "B" Company. To be Half Company Leaders, Cadet B. Harvey and Cadet W. Gale. To be Company Leader, Sergt. U. Terry.

Quartermaster—Half Company Leader B. Harvey to act as Quartermaster.

The non-commissioned officers for the year will be as follows:—

"A" Company—To be Sergeants: A. McBride. E. F. Hardwick, W. P. Hall, C. Milloy.

"B" Company—To be Sergeants: E. Greenwood, E. Savannah, R. McCannell, D. Davis.

"C" Company—To be Sergeants: P. Wills, C. H. Coldwell, H. Tait, S. McKay.

All appointments to date from September 1st, 1913.

(Signed) R. S. HAMILTON, Half Company Leader,
Acting Adjutant.

MATRIC "B"

We have all nations in this form
English and Scotties and Paddies born;
Eagles and foxes
And chatterboxes,
And Japs and Johns our class adorn.

Mc—— spends one-third of his school hours at the board; another one-third busily employed in pulling down the blinds, and the rest in picking up pencil sharpenings.

The girls wish that the boys would either wear smaller shoes, or walk on their hands.

We have a flower of great beauty in our class.

The boys seem to think that sunshine melts the girls' complexions. They are "Tres attentifs" in keeping us in darkness.

THIS year as in former years there is great interest taken in Athletics. All the sports of last year have been revived with vigour. There are two Rugby teams as before, a senior and junior; two basket-ball teams, two grass hockey teams in the High School and one in the College, and of course there is also an ice hockey team.

RUGBY

Gordon Campbell was elected as this year's captain of the senior Rugby team; Leonard McBride was chosen secretary, and Mr. Yates is again coaching the squad.

Already there have been two practise games played to get the team in condition for this year's grind. Both games were played against the sailors of H. M. S. Algerine and in both they were triumphant. In the first game the High School warriors succumbed to defeat at the tune of eleven to nothing. In the second game, however, they did considerably better, being beaten by only eight to five. In both these games the sailors won by their weight and good forward work, the High School not being able to hold them in the scrum.

In the first game the sailors played better rugby than the High School, getting the ball from the scrum and so giving their three-quarters a chance, whereas the High School forwards very seldom succeeded in passing the ball from the scrum to their back division. But the forward work of the sailors was in the main responsible for their victory.

The second game was a very great improvement over the first. The High School scrum almost held their own with the sailors. They did not get the ball out of the scrum as readily as their opponents owing to the fact that the sailors' half back had a knack of putting the ball in the third line of the scrum without the referee seeing him. However, the High School "threes" pulled off some brilliant runs.

The sailors were the first to score, but their kick failed to go between the posts and the score stood three to nothing against the High School. Soon the latter were placed in the lead by a try by Staples and a convert of it by McBride. No further score was made in the first half.

In the second half nothing was scored for a long time, the play being about even. At last, however, the sailors scored from a five-yard scrum and converted the try. But soon the whistle blew for time with the score left standing eight to five in favour of the sailors.

The High School opened the City Intermediate League with a win, as was expected. The team to go down to defeat before them was that of the University School, who fell before the score of twenty to nothing.

First Half

University secured the kick-off, but immediately the ball was carried into their territory by a fine three-quarters run. The High School forwards got the ball from the scrum and the play was carried still nearer to the University line. At last Cutler, securing the ball from a scrum, after a very hard run, succeeded in crossing the line. McBride converted this easily. Again after the kick-off the ball went into the enemy's territory. The High School's scrum was working almost perfectly, getting the ball out to their three-quarters every time. Soon after this Wallis by an excellent run, planted the ball immediately between the posts for the second try. This was an easy matter for McBride to convert. The score now stood ten to nothing in favour of the High School. After this the University seemed to buck up a little, but it was of no use, for Heyland crossed the line for his usual try. As this was near the side line and at a most difficult angle, McBride's kick failed. Immediately after University's twenty-five Wallis again came through with a try and again McBride's kick failed by a very small margin, the ball belting the cross-bar. Now the play veered round and High School was put on the defence. About this time McIlvride was laid out and the game went on without him. Just before the whistle sounded for time, after a very determined forward rush Snyder scored. As this was at a very difficult angle Kilpatrick's kick failed. So the half ended with the High School in the lead sixteen to three.

Second Half

Much better Rugby was played by the University in this half. They kept the High School "threes" well marked and the play in our territory. And they got the ball over but when the referee had pulled and separated the tangled mass of humanity he found a High School player on the ball so he gave a five-yard scrum to equalize matters. From this the play was carried up to centre field with a splendid kick to touch by Heyland. Again the play wore back to the High School goal line and again the ball went over only to be pounced on by D. Heyland. All this time there had been no score by either side, but the University had had two almosts, nor was there any score till Tom Heyland after a fine run dropped the ball over the bar for a splendid goal. Almost as the ball went over the whistle sounded for time with the score twenty to three in favour of the High School.

JUNIOR RUGBY

The junior Rugby team has been late in organizing this year and only a few practises have been held. Harold Carne was elected as this year's captain.

BASKETBALL

This year a hearty interest is taken in basketball if one can judge by the number around the baskets at noon and after school.

Already there has been an inter-class series played. Seven teams were entered, two Matrics, three Juniors and two Prelims. As was expected the former won from the others and in the final game Matric A easily overcame Matric. B by the score of eighteen to five.

A game also was played between a team composed of teachers from the Central and High Schools and one made up of pupils of the High School. This the teachers won by a score of eighteen to thirteen. A return match is expected to be played and this time the pupils hope to carry off the honours.

The girls also are practising diligently for their games against Vancouver. They too have played an inter-class series which was won by Junior B.

This year the girls have every reason to believe that they will clean up their hated rivals, Vancouver.

TURF HOCKEY

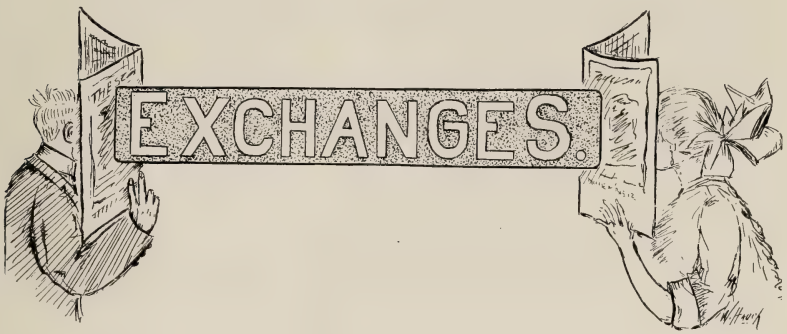
There are two turf hockey teams this year among the boys,—one in the High School and one in the College. They are practising hard every day and they both expect to win all their games. About twice a week the High School plays the College and so far the games have been about equal.

The girls hockey team shows its usual form this year, although it has lost a good many of its old players, but still the girls are confident of repeating their wins of last season. This year's officers are: Coach, Mr. E. H. Smith; Captain, Miss King; Secretary, Miss Ramlose; Committee, Misses Falkner, Finland, Middleton, Grubb and Sherwood.

ICE HOCKEY

As usual there is a large number of the boys attending the ice hockey practises, and they are confident of defeating all opponents. Mr. Hope will again manage the team this year. At the first meeting the following officers were elected: Hopkins, Secretary; and Inches, Straith and Newitt, Committee. The regular captain will be chosen later.

Junior "D," otherwise known as the clever class, is not satisfied with Euclid's Geometry for one individual insists upon there being an axiom seventeen.



Editor, Paul H. Clyde

THE editor of the Exchange Department of the "Camosun" feels that the remarks that were made in the "Wigwam" concerning the neglectful manner in which the exchange departments have been handled by many papers were very much to the point.

No matter what High School paper one may pick up, one is almost certain to find abundance of material in connection with the school which publishes it, but very few of them give to their students any really interesting matter, dealing with the different topics that should be discussed in this department.

The section of a paper that is set aside for exchanges should be made as interesting as any other part of the magazine. Of course the editor fully realizes that this is much easier said than done, but it is going to be his aim to try and improve this section of the "Camosun" and to make it one worthy of the rest of our paper. He hopes that the school will show greater interest in this department than it has done in the past, and thereby indirectly show its interest in the work that is being done by other High Schools and Colleges.

We have quite a large number of schools on our exchange list, and are always open for more; it is utterly impossible for the editor to put into this space all the wealth of ideas that are to be found in these papers. Therefore he trusts that the students will show even more than they have in the past, that they are eager to use these papers to some advantage, namely, to benefit our own.

The "Camosun" is again looking forward for many of the exchanges which it had last year, and so far our hopes have been gratified by receiving the Totem, Lincoln High School, Seattle. The "Camosun" is very glad indeed to have again received the opening number of this paper. We do not intend to flatter you, because a school such as yours with its many opportunities ought to put forth an excellent paper, but still, we must say that we admire your journal very much, and feel that credit is due you for this issue. We have also received the Erisophian Scarlet and Gray, Wigwam, Crimson and Hyde Park Weekly.

MATRIC. "A"

Carmen Amoris

(With a complete list of antiquated notes)

I sing of great men and their deeds,
Of rogues and saints and school-boy needs;
Of bloody signs, the tides of war,
Of luscious love and lowly lore—
But in this simple strain confine
My lofty thoughts to modern line.

A class there is well known to fame,
Matriculation "A" by name—
There genius reigns on virtue's throne,
Undaunted, steady and alone;
There wisdom with her looks profound,
Eyes every student ranged around—
Reproves the slow, the mid-day sleep,
The absent youth, the wily peep,
And thereby guides with patience meek
These wayward steps and motives weak—
And we a bark by tempests tossed,
Saved by light when hope was lost
Still roam the stom-swept seas to find,
True, comfort for a burdened mind.

Line 1—"sing." Not to be taken in its literal sense.

Line 3—"tides of war." The reference is to the result of an unprepared lesson.

Line 4—Besides being an example of "metonomaticalliteration," this line displays the skill of the poet in using suggestive terms and phrases.

Line 5—"Modern line." One of the few lines which Euclid could not draw.

Line 8—"Matriculation 'A'." A famous gathering of illustrious beings assembled for the purpose of imbibing knowledge at the expense of certain people's patience.

Line 9—"genius." A very rare creature found only in the wilds of Fiction.

Line 11—"wisdom." What we have not, according to some more or less reliable critics.

Line 13—"Mid-day sleep." A common occurrence with some, especially during certain periods.

Line 14—"wily." May be used here as an adjective or a noun.

Line 15—This line is a joke.

Line 20—"burdened mind." A reference is made to the rare supply of homework.—Here! Here!!

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JUNIOR "B"

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will Miss Caven be a suffragette?
should Miss Forster be a boxing teacher?
should Miss Fraser be a mail carrier?
should Miss Fullerton be a book agent?
will Miss Howard be a hair-dresser?
should Miss Fletcher live in the tropics?
will Miss Marwick be a village gossip?
will Miss Morris be a tragedienne?
will Miss O'Bryan soon go to Spokane?
will Miss Todd be a cloistered nun?
is Junior "B" such a quiet class?

There is a class called Junior B,
And they do keep a menagerie;
Tho' the teachers have never discovered yet,
Just where is the seat of each little pet.

And if one of its members chances to sleep
She'll be jolted out of her slumber deep
By a terrible noise that sounds like thunder
But is really the fog-horn of one of our number.

The girls on the north-east side of the room
Are often cast into depths of gloom;
"I've lost my heart," is the pitiful cry
That greets their ears as the hours go by.

It also boasts a studio
With artists fine, as amateurs go,
They study heads, no doubt exists
That they are post-impressionists.

Without half trying at basketball,
This lively class has trimmed them all;
Good material too, for hockey there;
Shall we send them over to Vancouver?

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JUNIOR "C"

A True Story

By "Willie"

Before launching out into the detail of this little story, the budding and blushing author would like to suggest to his readers that, notwithstanding the title, this tragedy (for such it evidently is) does not necessarily adhere strictly to that valuable quality known as truth, the title merely having been suggested to him by Art.

However, to get on with the story: While walking towards High School, one balmy day, about the 40th of December, I perceived in the distance a very thin, and evidently ill-fed, Duck. This was nothing out of the ordinary, you may say, but on the contrary it was, for Hoppy was trying to Driver into a Lane. But the poor Duck's Head had got caught in some Greenwood, Andernach being thin she was unable to get it Strai(gh)th.

At this interesting stage of this highly dramatic spectacle, I was rudely interrupted by sundry persons seeking immediate vengeance upon my innocent self. Therefore I will write no more on the subject, not on account of lack of material, but because of my lack of muscle.

We did not greatly mind the recent lesson on "How to Swear in French," although, as everyone knows, the pupils of Junior "C" abhor swearing of all kinds, whether it be in French, English, South American or Gaelic, but we were rather taken aback by the query, "How much did you pay the chicken?"

JUNIOR "D"

Junior D is a mixed up crowd—
Some tall, some short, some amiable, some proud,
Some fair, some dark, some betwixt and between,
Some dull and yet some clever seem.
Some have blue eyes, some have brown,
Some wear smiles, while others do frown.
Some are interesting, some are droll,
Some write decently, others scrawl.

PRELIMINARY "B"

We have a respectable number of members in the Beta Delta Society, but debates from our members nil. Lots of time though, give us a chance!

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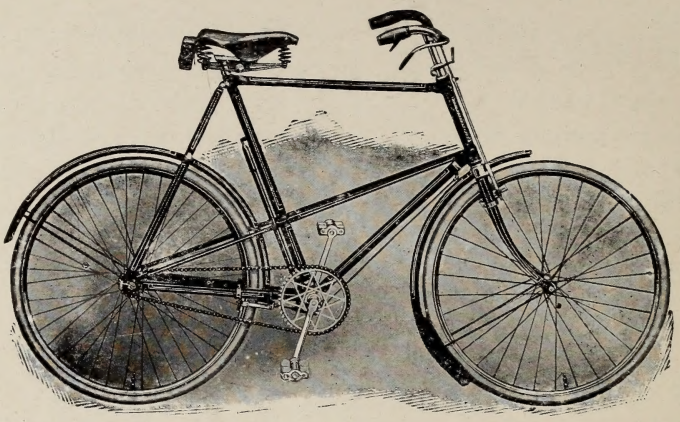

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